(a) whether the Ministry has evolved a mechanism to study the problems being faced by industry from time to time;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) : (a) and (b) To study the problems of industry and formulate strategies, periodical meetings are held with the Apex/specific industrial associations, existing and potential investors etc. Besides, there are formal institutional mechanisms in place to ensure continuous dialogue with trade and industry. These include the establishment of National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council. This is an apex body to identify problems and constraints faced by the industry and provide inputs for policy making as well as suggest measures for enhancing competitiveness of Indian Industry.

(c) Does not arise.

SEZ in Bellary, Hubli and Mysore

4365. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has requested to set up Special Economic Zones in Bellary, Hubli and Mysore in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what is the present status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Imposition of Strict norms for import of Indian shrimp by Japan

4366. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan, like the EU, has imposed strict standards for import of shrimp from India, following the presence of banned antibiotics in some consignments; and